Marine Invasive Species

Natural Resource Program Center



Bryopsis pennata

Green algae, Sea fern

Threat Scores

- 1. Ecological Impact
 - Has the potential to become invasive because it thrives in eutrophic conditions; produces chemicals that are toxic to herbivores; easily reproduces from small fragments
- 2. Invasive Potential
 - If environmental factors that cause this algae to overgrow persist, it will become an invasive species
 - Reproduces from fragments
 - Potential for additional aquarium releases
- 3. Geographic Extent
 - Locally patchy

Geography and Habitat

- 1. Native: Hawai'i
- 2. Introduced: Hawai'i (native invasive)
- 3. Habitats
 - Marine, intertidal zones, coral reefs, tide pools

Invasion Pathways

1. Pet, aquarium, and water garden trade

Non-Native Locations

1. 152- Hawaiian Islands

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